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On Friday morning, Main Street in Belleville was still covered with snow from the three-day storm that started Wednesday afternoon, closing school and township offices for three days. Then the bitter cold hit. February in Michigan.

Brighton woman arraigned after not returning U-Haul

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ashley Rachelle Northrup, 34, of Brighton was arraigned by video while in custody in the Van Buren Township Police lockup on Jan. 31.

34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin arraigned her on a charge of failure to return rented property worth \$20,000 or more on Dec. 30 in the City of Belleville.

Bond was set at \$5,000/10%. Northrup's probable cause conference was set for Feb. 9 and she is not to return to Pro Hardware in Belleville.

Mike Windiate, owner of Pro Hardware in Belleville, said Northrup rented the U-Haul on Dec. 30 and was supposed to return it the next day. He said he called her several times with no response and called her father who said he had no contact with her.

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said the defendant

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Van Buren Public Schools 2021 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ADMINISTRATORS		
Cortese, Sara	\$97,588.30	\$151,599.50
Johnston, Karen	\$101,828.36	\$146,412.13
Kudlak, Peter	\$146,060.50	\$219,260.30
Madyun, Abdul	\$110,044.82	\$155,187.36
Moore, Jeffrey	\$99,267.60	\$156,592.79
Williams, James	\$105,516.50	\$151,311.41
Apostolakis, Tiffany	\$29,100.00	\$39,214.69
Banks, Elizabeth	\$70,435.86	\$116,115.40
Barr, Mathew	\$52,534.87	\$72,527.14
Cast, John	\$19,268.96	\$25,445.31
Cobbs, Amber	\$14,519.60	\$22,330.31
Crowell, Jermain	\$18,418.36	\$27,341.93
Darty, Mychal	\$9,627.27	\$16,610.71
Gunter, Opal	\$56,491.41	\$78,285.32
Jones, Stephen	\$48,806.38	\$72,470.11
Kurek, Renea	\$27,688.80	\$44,531.82
McMichael, William	\$16,067.92	\$28,649.36
Mercer, Angela	\$58,521.87	\$81,949.40
Munoz, Dionisia	\$73,537.32	\$102,036.30
Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$68,236.28	\$93,553.32
Tarrow, Erna	\$798.89	\$1,092.34
Voigt, Mary	\$51,599.45	\$90,665.22
Waller, Karen	\$53,314.86	\$63,815.01
Wester, Ursula	\$43,590.59	\$67,909.95
Williams, Reginald	\$12,839.40	\$18,472.44
ADMIN. ASSISTANTS		
Beckham, Nicole	\$40,838.00	\$70,556.61
Dorris, Brandice	\$48,481.53	\$81,547.26
Leedy, Deborah	\$49,601.47	\$83,745.72
McWilliams, Debra	\$55,708.19	\$96,292.77
Murphy, Gina	\$20,687.32	\$28,868.52
PRINCIPALS		
Abel, Fredrick	\$95,231.33	\$131,498.11
Buhro, Stacey	\$106,668.34	\$165,625.89
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$99,214.28	\$136,521.60
Crockett, Nicole	\$40,461.48	\$56,055.35
Leroy, John	\$96,525.35	\$152,265.68
Pitt, Aleisa	\$96,985.94	\$147,865.86
Preuss, Lisa	\$89,289.79	\$137,614.60
Ross, Rebecca	\$94,260.59	\$144,752.73
Salhaney, Jason	\$94,280.83	\$148,700.59
Wilsey, Scott	\$95,388.30	\$145,901.14
ASSIST. PRINCIPALS		
Green, Falisadoll	\$99,963.23	\$156,478.35
Lindsay, Andrew	\$8,259.06	\$11,374.80
Maher, Laura	\$93,122.08	\$135,465.57
Roberson, Brian	\$92,626.45	\$146,664.37

Smith, Jean	\$90,532.99	\$126,229.46
Wright, Howard	\$102,511.56	\$155,413.40
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Brodie, Joseph	\$87,959.48	\$140,077.71
BOARD MEMBERS		
Falconer, Dionne	\$570.00	\$613.61
Featheringill, Susan	\$870.00	\$936.56
Hawkins, Calvin	\$720.00	\$775.08
Johnston, Keith	\$180.00	\$193.77
Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$780.00	\$839.67
Owen, Kelly	\$750.00	\$807.38
Pearce, Amy	\$750.00	\$807.38
Pinter, Simone	\$720.00	\$775.08
SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL		
Carter, Tina	\$4,872.43	\$8,465.33
Cichowski, Jamie	\$30,621.10	\$61,878.51
Colwell, Melissa	\$23,335.15	\$38,867.56
Cornell, Jennifer	\$26,011.94	\$36,782.79
Eaton, Janice	\$27,899.79	\$44,639.35
Floro, Jaclyn	\$38,257.24	\$54,013.78
Harris, Tammie	\$38,223.08	\$53,967.24
Johnson, Theresa	\$36,592.57	\$51,083.42
Kaba, Jessica	\$12,640.50	\$17,465.84
Kennedy, Marcia	\$30,495.08	\$57,467.19
Kiessel, Diane	\$31,438.48	\$61,098.45
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$22,172.46	\$31,681.76
Larocque, Kristine	\$32,302.42	\$46,315.70
Loechli, Michelle	\$39,198.65	\$55,183.04
Mahdi, Felicia	\$39,328.20	\$54,911.19
Mastrogiacomo, Erin	\$19,638.51	\$41,929.05
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$21,306.99	\$29,473.10
Richards, Norma	\$30,382.47	\$61,552.23
Spicer, Beverly	\$20,524.58	\$29,011.79
Spillman, Kristine	\$30,676.73	\$48,968.07
Sykes, Lenore	\$22,559.31	\$31,465.22
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$34,521.65	\$62,958.57
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS		
Albulov, Anna	\$38,296.00	\$62,653.36
Ali, Aminah	\$14,335.85	\$21,341.65
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$76,243.47	\$111,328.09
Aumiller, Whitney	\$13,719.76	\$20,478.47
Baker, Laura	\$74,244.85	\$117,314.66
Bateman, Nancy	\$78,017.02	\$124,221.40
Belloni, Cristen	\$77,393.52	\$121,632.57
Bianchi, Pauline	\$72,295.82	\$106,741.20
Binert, Jill	\$72,976.22	\$117,880.92
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$85,119.26	\$118,171.46
Bos, Tania	\$74,281.09	\$108,284.03
Boykin, Walter	\$47,221.09	\$66,351.41
Bradley, Pamela	\$83,864.80	\$121,794.98
Brashear, Kristina	\$43,215.04	\$77,346.47
Bugescu, Cristina	\$6,482.48	\$10,055.41
Burch, Sandra	\$61,696.77	\$99,883.31
Byrd, Tauna	\$77,522.67	\$107,788.45
Cagney, Kristine	\$21,974.36	\$42,419.05
Carlin, Sabrina	\$13,540.97	\$20,671.64
Cook, Sara	\$71,978.21	\$116,814.70

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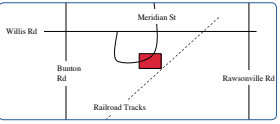
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ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (continued)		
Courter, Katharine	\$75,286.30	\$117,829.05
Crowley, Sarah	\$34,818.73	\$51,479.73
Cunningham, Deborah	\$44,669.55	\$78,516.07
Curtis, Yolanda	\$35,767.32	\$49,001.08
Dagenais, Madison	\$40,724.01	\$56,506.69
Dobek, Julie	\$55,430.02	\$77,580.22
Dolan, Cynthia	\$70,177.73	\$111,616.21
Duey, Carly	\$4,346.24	\$6,932.54
Dybicki, Kimberley	\$78,192.29	\$108,692.73
Elgas, Jaime	\$64,688.25	\$94,835.83
Elsner, Vickie	\$72,678.26	\$117,684.02
Emerson, Joelle	\$74,079.76	\$119,510.77
Falk, Virginia	\$74,561.01	\$117,787.37
Farnell, Shannon	\$32,761.12	\$46,057.44
Fidh, Janice	\$66,010.83	\$91,228.37
Fitzsimmons, Shelby	\$12,918.39	\$19,743.08
Fleming, Laura	\$48,101.40	\$67,490.58
Flisher, Robert	\$72,442.53	\$117,180.46
Flynn, Stacy	\$52,065.58	\$71,294.22
Frederick, Felecia	\$48,970.78	\$82,659.26
Gandolfo Sherman, Nicole	\$14,065.34	\$21,486.98
Garden, Laurie	\$52,453.82	\$90,757.31
Gillsey, Michele	\$60,622.70	\$100,909.59
Glime, Kimberly	\$53,006.88	\$90,488.44
Grant, Joanne	\$58,511.51	\$95,883.70
Gyulveszi, Dena	\$59,490.34	\$81,045.62
Harding, Angela	\$72,892.63	\$101,457.49
Harding, John	\$68,027.25	\$111,621.01
Head, Scott	\$51,608.91	\$79,334.23
Held, Brent	\$84,565.52	\$116,607.91
Henning, Cynthia	\$69,788.47	\$114,139.92
Hickson, Kristy	\$60,483.49	\$84,675.57
Horchem, Kristin	\$59,417.94	\$100,207.24
Hoskins, Keyon	\$46,371.38	\$70,705.31
Igonin, Sarah	\$60,316.90	\$99,688.14
Jackson, Quran	\$56,654.04	\$79,798.88
Jesue, Kelly	\$51,802.37	\$72,692.48
Johnson, Erica	\$55,380.96	\$82,212.07
Johnson, Gabrielle	\$35,789.27	\$58,877.11
Jones, Margaret	\$41,682.97	\$63,874.17
Kapcia, Suzanne	\$84,919.57	\$116,528.05
Karaba, Melanie	\$70,717.29	\$115,323.23
Kasperek, Vikki	\$39,952.73	\$67,953.04
Kehoe, Carrie	\$61,440.01	\$104,749.66
Kiser, Jessica	\$40,214.99	\$56,921.10
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$53,842.89	\$74,594.24
Komaromi, Julie	\$37,030.58	\$54,197.19
Komaromi, Michelle	\$78,441.44	\$109,040.30
Kunz, Laurie	\$53,514.32	\$74,956.48
Kurash, Antoinette	\$78,822.79	\$108,748.51
Labor, Cynthia	\$6,436.66	\$8,820.82
Lang, Sarah	\$64,446.29	\$90,199.10
Lange, Jennifer	\$56,501.49	\$82,747.13
Lauer, Lisa	\$67,841.08	\$113,689.19
Leake, Carol	\$70,801.70	\$115,624.87
Leaym, Jillian	\$22,112.01	\$44,753.63
Ley, Janet	\$69,414.15	\$113,240.95
Love, Tisha	\$38,190.32	\$53,202.20
Mallon, Yvonne	\$69,187.63	\$96,392.17
Marino, Joseph	\$46,038.66	\$68,871.64
Mason, Khaii	\$40,298.86	\$55,998.35
Mastie, Vivian	\$74,941.57	\$112,602.09

Mccraight, Nicole	\$58,664.98	\$82,002.67
Meeker, Samantha	\$44,319.27	\$80,576.84
Miloser, Kristine	\$79,088.75	\$110,172.30
Moore, Jessica	\$58,128.29	\$85,970.10
Moore, Marissa	\$2,892.08	\$3,985.57
Morning, Amy	\$31,412.29	\$55,556.31
Mounsey, Deborah	\$75,454.16	\$109,782.30
Nadrowski, Emily	\$41,622.70	\$63,059.21
Nelson, Barbara	\$65,161.83	\$107,207.47
Niedert, Ashley	\$39,574.08	\$60,078.67
Nofs, Kathleen	\$75,729.49	\$120,076.74
Norman, Anita	\$71,756.69	\$100,120.53
Nota, Stephanie	\$66,753.23	\$97,798.82
Orlich, Carmen	\$14,240.28	\$19,651.80
Palmer, Heather	\$59,164.23	\$81,558.74
Parcha, James	\$65,316.05	\$108,036.88
Pettway, Shandra	\$53,330.58	\$90,463.07
Przydzial, Karen	\$73,808.01	\$107,661.84
Puma, Lori	\$43,665.04	\$77,960.05
Purcell, Thomas	\$43,544.06	\$76,837.15
Rafail, Melinda	\$63,045.53	\$106,363.10
Rakovitis, Melissa	\$42,696.13	\$64,330.67
Richardson, Alexandra	\$40,343.89	\$72,787.45
Rohloff, Steven	\$77,832.17	\$125,470.84
Roperti, Christine	\$68,537.67	\$112,985.34
Runyan, Jennifer	\$61,749.33	\$104,711.90
Rupnow, Elinor	\$78,783.27	\$107,446.54
Ryan, Jessica	\$14,319.68	\$19,895.74
Scroggie, Angela	\$80,778.13	\$112,235.49
Sheko, Teresa	\$41,581.94	\$57,314.18
Sheridan, Jennifer	\$72,978.17	\$117,898.12
Slayton, Alyssa	\$47,084.61	\$69,466.05
Smith, Christine	\$79,883.92	\$116,576.59
Smith, Kristen	\$30,101.25	\$44,441.64
Spence, Diane	\$57,001.47	\$80,605.63
St Cyr, Michelle	\$18,966.72	\$28,440.10
Stiles, Sarah	\$61,681.88	\$90,898.86
Stipe, Karen	\$86,766.65	\$120,691.51
Stremer, Lisa	\$59,219.17	\$81,370.46
Sullivan, Holly	\$73,619.63	\$111,695.66
Sullivan, Maureen	\$17,046.83	\$25,044.75
Sutton, Rebecca	\$53,598.27	\$92,353.44
Swingle, Lisa	\$60,561.43	\$94,282.26
Szafranski, Lauren	\$15,205.36	\$23,075.77
Tanana, Samantha	\$47,165.46	\$70,000.52
Taylor, Marcie	\$37,913.21	\$68,739.02
Taylor, Sarah	\$64,174.00	\$87,475.46
Tenbroeck, Jane	\$87,040.15	\$119,967.18
Tenbroeck, Peter	\$71,940.03	\$119,506.76
Tennis, Rebecca	\$75,390.48	\$121,531.71
Thompson, Fatima	\$50,873.53	\$83,791.13
Tibbs, Kathleen	\$71,675.17	\$116,382.61
Vago, Mary	\$77,427.76	\$121,295.79
Van'T Hof, Stacey	\$35,845.60	\$66,981.84
Wakeley, Colbie	\$12,565.39	\$21,819.47
Wiese, Jami	\$62,807.85	\$104,187.56
Willoughby, Denise	\$70,716.00	\$113,903.05
Wilson, Matthew	\$16,403.76	\$24,589.60
Wright, Amanda	\$14,539.85	\$22,004.77
Youngs, Morgan	\$45,583.49	\$62,423.95
Yurcak, Margaret	\$50,438.01	\$68,670.39
GSR TEACHERS		
Hern, Sarah	\$36,394.59	\$56,438.89
Mendal, Janeen	\$25,689.41	\$39,679.03
Newman, Marcia	\$39,405.33	\$58,268.31
Nystrom, Meagan	\$19,786.25	\$31,591.88
Taylor, Cassidy	\$36,119.65	\$65,478.66

GSR PARAS

Mcinchak, Patricia	\$16,254.56	\$39,429.51
SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS		
Bonham, Audrey	\$17,195.08	\$25,743.90
Cadeau, Kari	\$57,222.73	\$81,242.26
Chie, Elizabeth	\$70,776.60	\$115,013.90
Chrisner, Amy	\$76,244.72	\$123,140.19
Conn, Joselyn	\$71,025.94	\$111,436.50
Cross, Samantha	\$13,219.13	\$24,140.40
Culver, Sarah	\$12,414.80	\$22,410.95
Davis, Cynthia	\$81,475.15	\$112,553.83
Dillard Biggs, Kareen	\$19,521.67	\$26,998.48
Dronsejko, Catherine	\$67,516.38	\$99,833.13
Epperson, Ann	\$70,010.07	\$115,877.23
Flaim, Sarah	\$13,141.55	\$20,127.89
Foster, Misty	\$10,542.56	\$14,528.73
Fryske, Katie	\$9,975.85	\$17,926.80
Gaines, Joseph	\$13,349.03	\$18,475.56
Gerst, Debbie	\$70,639.46	\$111,640.98
Ghanem, Heba	\$13,037.77	\$18,081.52
Hammond, Colleen	\$70,279.54	\$115,073.67
Harple, Meghan	\$12,459.24	\$18,025.37
Hernandez Lopez, Jessica	\$12,370.87	\$21,541.14
Holmes, Dion	\$30,016.31	\$53,940.36
Hura, Sadie	\$43,962.29	\$70,744.26
Jasman, Neva	\$39,354.53	\$71,652.48
Johnson, Deborah	\$70,092.21	\$102,954.06
Jordan, Cindy	\$77,966.42	\$107,577.23
Lapp, Sarah	\$14,070.67	\$19,436.97
Lasenby, Felicia	\$69,108.69	\$113,424.10
Lindenfeld, Victoria	\$3,584.64	\$4,983.46
Miller, Blake	\$13,074.84	\$19,930.09
Neff, Karl	\$18,574.53	\$27,328.20
Palmer, Andrew	\$14,539.98	\$20,710.14
Parker, Maliya	\$71,794.45	\$110,479.82
Phillips, Carey	\$73,668.40	\$107,543.91
Reeves, Amy	\$67,694.94	\$112,405.73
Rybicki, Tiffany	\$61,044.62	\$92,050.82
Schwartz-Olma, Jessica	\$53,156.49	\$91,325.17
Short, Kyle	\$18,231.05	\$27,122.99
Simon, Rebecca	\$56,058.50	\$91,113.34
Smith, Antoinette	\$36,992.98	\$60,061.87
Swisher, Jackie	\$49,495.62	\$86,084.07
Testorelli, Constance	\$74,781.01	\$103,394.97
Wizinsky, Donna	\$18,539.68	\$27,124.89
SPECIAL ED. PARAPROS		
Ashford, Angela	\$20,689.32	\$36,374.57
Babik, Abby	\$16,850.19	\$40,866.34
Battle, Stephanie	\$18,119.56	\$33,150.79
Brown, Paula	\$19,526.32	\$35,094.58
Browning, Sherry	\$14,968.13	\$43,191.56
Campbell, Mariha	\$1,647.36	\$2,266.94
Cavins Mason, Danika	\$6,479.83	\$11,813.49
Colwell, Roseanne	\$21,197.19	\$36,974.24
Cox, Tierra	\$5,333.30	\$7,186.85
Coyle, Patricia	\$13,391.18	\$25,963.62
Dehn, Cheri	\$2,784.65	\$3,837.53
Dornier, Alice	\$13,097.39	\$40,672.02
Dossey, Amy	\$12,343.56	\$39,772.66
Drogowski, Jennifer	\$11,427.66	\$38,098.72
Ellis, Laverne	\$956.81	\$1,271.91
Fisher, Randall	\$28,762.83	\$47,773.71
Fogg, Ladonna	\$19,723.82	\$25,878.07
Franklin, Ethel	\$18,114.47	\$33,312.71
Frazier, William	\$19,668.46	\$35,288.99
Frederick, Alissa	\$19,812.14	\$29,315.67
Guido, Rosanna	\$16,950.07	\$31,519.08
Hall, Shawn	\$20,037.96	\$44,789.19

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Now community is funding a giant helmet for champs

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt told the story of Steven Strickland, a 28-year-old Sterling Heights man with cerebral palsy who is facing death but wants to leave something for others. He is trying a new medication that may help, but he needs a lung transplant.

While he is fighting for his life, he is making giant helmets for sports teams, Voigt told the council. He said he talked to the athletic department at the high school and then called Strickland and said our BHS team could use one. He said they are eight feet tall and the web site is www.gianthelmets.com.

The deal is they can get the giant helmet for the high school if 300 people donate \$35 each. Each would get a free T-shirt with that donation.

Members of the council and the audience were enthusiastic about the project and started asking where to send the money. Some also said they read about it in Bob Mytych's column in the Feb. 3 *Independent*.

Voigt said it is all on line and the QR code is on the school web site. During the meeting, Voigt sent the QR code link to the paper and we've printed it for you in case you are interested.



EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

My son, Bill, and I went to the laundromat in Romulus on Saturday morning because we were having drainage problems at home and we wanted to do our laundry. Bill bought me a copy of *The Detroit News* so I could do the crossword puzzle while we waited. I stuck the paper into my laundry basket with my clothes so I wouldn't have to carry it separately.

You guessed it. I accidentally dumped that load of clothes into the washer, including the newspaper. When I realized what I had done, I fished around in the cold water carrying the colored load of clothes but couldn't find it.

When everything was over I recovered a soggy, but readable, edition of the newspaper. I put the crossword puzzle page on the car's dashboard to dry and I was able to do my puzzle.

I felt really stupid, but it all worked out.

Tom Fielder -- former city councilman, mayor, and teacher at BHS -- was at Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council and had a comment. (He always has a comment.) Fielder said that he doesn't want to take anything away from the state championship won by the Belleville High School football team last season, but in 1958 the BHS team was considered the best in the state. He said BHS was voted state champion by everyone, but it was not official.

Fielder also said he went to a meeting of the drug-fighting group he is a part of in Detroit in person for the first time in ages because of COVID. He said he learned that for the first time fentanyl was found in marijuana. He said the first death from this



was in Connecticut and most of this is on the East Coast. He is a critic of the city's new marijuana business.

Also at Monday's council meeting, it was noted that the podium that used to be near the council table was missing and had been for some time. No one seemed to know where it was. People used to stand at the podium to address the council. Architects and consultants and others would give presentations and reports, etc.

The missing podium was discussed on Monday because the auditor was about to give the annual report. But, since he was giving it virtually and he was on the laptop on the clerk's table, the podium didn't matter this time.

According to what I recall, it was there before COVID shut down meetings in person and then we were all coming to meetings virtually. When we were able to return to in-person meetings, the podium was gone. Does anyone know where it is?

The Belleville Area District Library was closed for two days last week because of the snowstorm, which was very unusual. I believe the City of Belleville was the only municipal office open throughout the week without closing at all.

Belleville Central Business Community president Bill Wolters said that at the last CBC meeting they spent a lot of time discussing how to expand the Farmer's

Market, since those signed up for booths have filled it up.

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said some of the money saved by the city in the last budget year should be used to do something about the rest rooms in the parks, especially the one next to the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park. He said they should be heated so they can be used in winter.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said those restrooms should be divided off and not open the way they are now. Councilwoman Amy Henry said people come up off the lake and use the restrooms and they are "not nice looking."

Robinson said when the city fixes them, people vandalize them and tear things down. He said he's considering putting up cinder block walls inside.

A resident of Haggerty Sub came in to tell us that during the night on the second day of the storm, trucks came in and plowed his subdivision. He said he was shocked because their subdivision always is last on the list for plowing. I checked with Van Buren Township and Dan Selman said it was Wayne County that did that with its smaller trucks.



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Letters

2022 FIRST Robotics seeks volunteers

To the editor:

Another great FIRST Robotics competition season is about to begin!

Again this year, Belleville High School will be hosting a FIRST Robotics competition district event, and the event needs volunteers to help make the event run smoothly. The event will be held on March 24-26, 2022, at Belleville High School at 501 W. Columbia Ave, Belleville.

There are a variety of available roles, some technical and some non-technical. A full list of roles with descriptions can be reviewed at <https://www.firstinspires.org/node/5211>.

Technical roles include robot inspectors who ensure competing robots meet necessary guidelines. Non-technical roles include such activities as organizing teams who are up for the next game or helping to reset the field after a match completes. Lots of hands are also needed on the evening of March 23 to construct the competition and practice fields as well as on March 26 at the conclusion of competition when the fields are torn down. Again, a full list of roles and their descriptions can be found at the website listed above.

Ideally, if you can volunteer for the entire event, that would be best! Some start March 23, some March 24, and others only on the main competition days of March 25-26. But even if you can only support one day, that will help! All volunteers are allowed breaks during the day, and meals are supplied to all volunteers on each day of the event.

To apply to volunteer:

1. Go to www.firstinspires.org to create your FIRST Account.
2. Click the Volunteer Registration tab and click "Event Volunteering."
3. Filter events by program (FIRST Robotics Competition) and then type "48111" in the Zip Code box. Scroll to the bottom of the filter selection menu and press "Apply Filters."
4. Select FIM District Belleville Event.
5. Select your role or choose "Assign as Needed."
6. Complete your FIRST HQ Consent/Release Form which is electronically signed once a season.
7. Complete your FIRST Youth Protection background screening (renewed every 4 years). The screening is free of charge. If your background screening needs to be updated, please follow the links on your FIRST Account to Sterling Volunteers to complete those forms. In general, screening reports are completed within a few business days.

Contact Mark Laginess, the event Volunteer Coordinator, at mark.s.laginess@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or volunteer process and thank you for your

consideration of this volunteer opportunity.

Mark Laginess
Belleville

Celebrate cultural differences during Feb.

To the editor:

Last week kicked off Black History Month, first established as Black History Week in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

Nearly 100 years later, this observance reminds us to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to our nation, reflect on the injustices of our past, and combat inequalities that continue today.

Activist, abolitionist, and Union Army Veteran Harriet Tubman believed, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Black History Month encourages us to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans, learn new things about Black history and how it has shaped our nation, and look ahead to new ways in which we can continue to support and honor Black Americans.

This month let us all commit to changing our world, families, and communities for the better by celebrating our cultural differences that make us all Americans.

Vincent E. Warren, Veteran Advocate
VFW Post 4434 Quartermaster
Sumpter Township Treasurer

Reader alert: Computer hack, bank scam

To the editor:

Please take this opportunity to alert your readers about a computer hack and bank account scam.

While on computer it tells you, "Your computer has been hacked. This is Microsoft. Do not turn off or unplug. Call the number on the bottom of your screen."

When you do so, the guy comes on and says you authorize a transaction and to notify your bank. He asks for your bank telephone number and makes a call. The lady on the line identifies herself as your bank. She asks that you go to CVS and get a gift card and send the information to her.

The gift card is money you took out of your account to keep the scammers from getting it, which they do anyhow.

I lost \$2,000.

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More Letters

Belleville VFW proud of Atomic Veteran law

To the editor:

On Jan. 6, 2022, there was an article that President Joe Biden signed into law legislation recognizing Atomic Veterans.

These are veterans who were present and exposed to radiation while being present at the site of a nuclear explosion during their active duty. They are the veterans who as part of their military service participated in above-ground nuclear testing between 1945 and 1962. They were also part of the military occupation forces in Japan before 1946 or were held as a POW in Japan in certain cases.

These veterans were sworn to secrecy until 1996, when the Nuclear Secrecy Agreement Act was rescinded. The veterans were not allowed to speak about it and many of them had many health issues such as cancer and died without telling their story.

Now the remaining veterans are allowed to receive health care from the VA for radiation-related conditions since 1996.

VFW Post 4434 of Belleville, MI is very happy and proud of the signing into law legislation to recognize the Atomic Veterans.

John E. Blackstone, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434

'I can do all things through Him ...'

To our Tri-Community (and beyond) Readers and Advertisers:

What a wonderful community-wide testimony of UNITY!

When I read (and re-read) my last week's issue (2-3-22) of our local "Independent" newspaper showing the overwhelming support and generosity of their "paid" ads -- their abundance of advertisements, I vowed to definitely shop and purchase from these, our "local" businesses and merchants. (Readers: If you have not read the Feb. 3 issue as yet, I urge you to get a copy asap.)

Since the very first edition of the *Belleville-Area Independent*, in 1995, with our Editor Rosemary K. Oztman at the helm, we residents, and neighbors have thoroughly appreciated Rosemary's dedication as a "servant" of mankind. Through "thick and thin" years, she answered her "calling" to serve. As such, I would like to recognize Rosemary's outstanding service to our community by proclaiming and nominating Rosemary Oztman as our community's first and very own "Chief Editor."

I was once again reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses, quoting from "God's Provision," ESV (English Standard Version), with particular emphasis on verse 13 in Philippians 4: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

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Obituaries



Barbara Agnes (Pink)
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BARBARA AGNES (PINK) HAYES

(December 10, 1946 – February 3, 2022)

Barbara Agnes Hayes, 75, of Marquette, passed away February 3, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice.

Barb was born on December 10, 1946, in Belleville, one of four daughters of Lawrence and Bernice (Pleva) Pink. She was a 1965 graduate of Belleville High School, later attending Ferris State University for a time. She was a graduate of the former Chrest Cosmetology School in Marquette.

She was employed by Style Setters in Marquette for over 30 years before becoming owner of the salon from 1993-2015. After selling the salon, Barb worked for Kate's Place for a number of years, retiring in 2020.

Survivors include two children Kimberly (Jim) LaJoie of Marquette and Kevin (Jill) Hayes of Gillett, WI; three grandsons, Zachary Buzzo, Ethan and Carsen Hayes; one sister, Beverly (Don) Brooks of Tennessee. Preceding her in death besides her parents were two sisters, Dolores Truxal and Patricia Wilson.

Services were at Canale-Tonella Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Marquette.

DEBORAH MARIE MASON

(March 13, 1968 – February 1, 2022)

Age 53. Survived by husband Thomas, two stepchildren, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, her mother Sharon Smith, and siblings Cynthia and Nick. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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KAYLA ANN SCHMITZER

(October 13, 1995 – February 3, 2022)

Age 26 of Belleville. Survived by her mother Linda Schmitzer of Belleville; brother Jonathan Geyer; aunts and uncles and special friends. Visitation was Feb. 9 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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PAUL DOUGLAS GARDNER

(August 8, 1963 – February 3, 2022)

Paul Douglas Gardner was born August 8, 1962 and died February 3, 2022. He is survived by two daughters, Heather Gardner and Tabitha Gardner; a son Keith Dyer; two sisters, Marjorie Alvarez and Irene Daugherty; a brother John Gardner, Jr.; grandchildren Callie Burton, Jayden Gardner, Cora Burton, Kinsley Dyer, and Landon Dyer; and a great-grandson Michael Trembl.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 10** – “Rare Books and their History” will be presented by J. Ross Baughman of Van Buren Township at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge lecture series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Baughman is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.

• **Friday, Feb. 11** – Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, presents “The Real Drag Queens of Bingo” with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m. Everyone 18 and older are welcome. Tickets are \$20 each which gets six games of Bingo and entertainment. A light meal, 50/50 and raffle baskets can be purchased. Drinks can be purchased in the Club Room. Information: (734) 941-3030.

• **Saturday, Feb. 12** – Big games at the Belleville Area District Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play life-sized Candy Land, Giant Jenga, Tic Tac Woah, and more. Drop in between 11 and 1 and play the games the whole family can enjoy.

• **Saturday, Feb. 12** – Wayne County Health Department is holding a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, open to all, plus boosters, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McBride Middle School, 47097 McBride Ave., Van Buren Township.

• **Sunday, Feb. 13** – Evangelist Daniel David will speak at 11 a.m. at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd., for what is called a “Supernatural” Sunday Service. The Rev. David is a world-renowned evangelist, pastor, and TV personality, the founder of Jesus Heals Ministries where super-natural miracles abound. Information: (734) 320-1725

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 at 111, positive tests up to 8,633

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code crept up from 109 last week to 111 as of Monday, Feb. 7, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 8,633 on Monday, Feb. 7, up from 8,464 on Monday, Jan. 31.

On Monday, Feb. 7, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 5,887 positive cases, 76 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,001 positive cases, 10 deaths; and Sumpter Township, 1,745 positive cases, 25 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had 17 total positive cases on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and then school was closed because of the weather for the other three days. This makes a total of 518 positive cases posted since the beginning of the school year.

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More Letters

Ridiculous measures to catch a few delinquents?

To the editor:

I am writing to tell a story that most parents do not know about Belleville High School today. My daughter, who is a straight-A student and involved in dual enrollment, was questioned yesterday when using the bathroom during her class period. She came out of the bathroom and a girl was sitting at the security guards' table saying that she should have gotten her name before she used the facilities. My daughter had already gone, so the girl told her it was fine for that time and that only one person is allowed to use the bathroom at a time. My daughter then found out that they've been doing this for weeks now, not having known earlier because she usually uses the facilities between classes.

I called the school and told them I was a "pissed-off parent" and needed to speak to somebody in charge. I was put through to Ms. Green's secretary who informed me that these rules were only supposed to be imposed on the boys because they are trashing the bathrooms. I told her that her point was moot because they shouldn't be persecuting everybody for a few bad apples. I told her that by now they should know those students who cause trouble and that I would write my local newspaper to inform more parents. We need to wake up and realize that by following these absurd ideas when it comes to human rights, we are giving away our freedoms as we know them.

As a parent, I don't believe that the students' names should ever be recorded when using the bathroom at a PUBLIC school or anywhere, for that matter. Last time I checked, the United States of America is a FREE country! We don't live in China, Nazi Germany, or any other country that takes away people's rights and freedoms like our country is trying to do. Slowly they take away small things from our children who don't realize they have rights, even as students. These children are blindly going along with all this absurdity because they are pressured to follow whatever an authoritative administrator tells them. As parents, we can no longer enter the building without an appointment, nor do they send us this information ahead of time. They just take it upon themselves to enforce ridiculous measures in order to catch a few delinquents. Who do they think they are? What's next, cameras in the bathrooms?

This reminds me of a quote by former President Ronald Reagan. "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. And those in world history who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again."

We as parents need to get more involved and ask our children what measures they are implementing in the schools, even those they feel are inconsequential. For if this keeps up there will be no freedom in schools or no freedom anywhere in the United States of America.

Kelley Flange

School Board approves resignations, new hires

At the one-hour-and-25-minute meeting on Jan. 24, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education:

- Approved the resignations of teachers Marcia Newman from the ECC after four years of service as of Jan. 13, Jaime Elgas from Rawsonville Elementary after five years of service as of Jan. 14, and Fatima Thompson from Rawsonville Elementary after six years of service as of Jan. 17;

- Approved the employment of Renee Taylor as Great Start Readiness Program Lead Teacher at the Early Childhood Development Center as of Jan. 14 and Jordan Webb as a teacher at McBride Middle School as of Jan. 25;

- Approved the resignation of Jacqueline Steele from the Transportation after less than one year of year as of Jan. 21; and

- Approved employment of Priscilla Jordan as a bus aide in the Transportation Department as of Jan. 14 and Michael Signorelli for part-time maintenance in the Building and Grounds Department as of Jan. 11. It was pointed out Signorelli retired after 35 years and is coming back to help.

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WWII Rosie the Riveters gather at Belleville restaurant

By Jeannette Gutierrez
President, Michigan Willow Run Chapter
American Rosie the Riveter Association

In December, a group from the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA), including six real World War II "Rosies," gathered for a festive holiday luncheon at Hidalgo Mexican Restaurant in Belleville.

Rosie the Riveter is the affectionate nickname for the many women who entered the workforce during WWII to fill the critical jobs that the men left behind. Sixteen million American men fought overseas in WWII, so it was women who took on the task of building the planes, tanks, ships and guns that were needed to win the war. Known as "The Greatest Generation," the men and women of WWII endured hardship and sacrifice.

The surviving Rosies are all in their late nineties, and some are even 100 years old

or more! These ladies are living history. They stepped up for their country in a time of need, and they played an important part in winning World War II. We are dedicated to honoring them while they're still with us and preserving their legacy for future generations.

Chapter Vice President Vivian Larsh arranged for the Rosies to gather at Hidalgo, which is a favorite destination. Vivian, in addition to being an ARRA volunteer, is owner of Kwick Automotive Repair in Belleville. Although both activities keep her very busy, Vivian said, "My mom, Stella, was one of the Rosies and these ladies were her friends. They are wonderful women, and when I'm with the Rosies I feel that Mom is still with us."

The festive gathering featured smiles all around as the Rosies, their families, and friends chatted and caught up with each other's news. Chapter member and professional singer Kelly Miller led the group in song, and handmade Christmas ornaments were presented to all.

The most delightful surprise of the afternoon came when the group learned that Osborne Concrete Co. of Romulus generously paid for the entire group's meal! Owners Deanna Rumler and Dena Trombly were patrons that day, and when they heard the Rosies were there, they wanted to give back. Says Deanna, "These

women and their amazing stories are such an inspiration to us as women business owners, and to women of all generations." Many, many thanks to the great folks at Osborne Concrete, from the Greatest Generation!

Hidalgo's manager, Kim Anthony, noted, "I was so excited to learn the WWII Rosies would be here. This group of ladies is so much fun, and we are always so honored to have them!"

The group gathers frequently, and more than anything the Rosies enjoy being together and being with their friends, the WWII Veterans. The American Rosie the Riveter Association Michigan Willow Run Chapter, in addition to providing opportunities for fellowship among the Rosies and Veterans, also organizes special events where the public can meet and honor these amazing Americans. The group also provides educational and entertaining Rosie Presentations for clubs, civic groups, and libraries.

Do you have a Rosie the Riveter in the family? ARRA considers any woman who worked or volunteered on the Home Front during WWII to be a "Rosie." Call ARRA Chapter Vice President Vivian Larsh at (734) 722-0994 or email michiganrosies@gmail.com to learn more. Visit the local ARRA group's website at michiganrosies.org, and the National American Rosie the Riveter Association website at www.rosietheriveter.net.

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Belleville High School women's soccer will be having a Dine to Donate Fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Qdoba Mexican Eats restaurant on Belleville Road. A portion of the sales that day will go to the soccer program. No flyer is needed.

"Rare Books & Their History" is the titled program tonight, Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Belleville District Library presented by J. Ross Baughman and part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series. "Small Business Savvy" with local resident and Business Strategy Coach Camiel Davenport returns to the library on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Registration is required for the business event and available on the library's website or by calling (734) 699-3291. Davenport will present a series of presentations essential to anyone pursuing a small business venture, including marketing. Visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 10 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority strategic planning session, 5:30 p.m., at the Belleville Area District Library. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, Feb. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting



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Belleville refunds \$308,080.10 to school district for overcharges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council approved paying \$308,080.10 to the Van Buren Public Schools as reimbursement for overcharges on its water bills from 2016 to 2020.

At Monday's regular meeting of the council, City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said that last April it came to

his attention that from 2016 to 2020 the formula was wrong on the software and the school was being charged too much.

He said he took a "deep dive" to find out what was wrong. He tried to determine if it was an internal error by an employee with something not being entered right or if the error was by that company that supplied the software.

He said that company no longer is a

service provider and has sold its business.

"We did a solid analysis," Robinson said, adding, "The school system was very patient."

He said the city's accountant said "to pay the money back at this time and be done with it."

The money was paid from the Water/DPW department.

At the beginning of the meeting, an auditor from Alan C. Young & Associates virtually presented the annual financial audit of the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

He gave the city an unmodified opinion, which he called "the gold standard," or the top rating. He said they had no deficiencies, sound finances, and a totally clean audit report.

The revenue went up 13% from \$2,415,867 in 2020 to \$2,734,410 in 2021.

The total fund balance grew from \$1,641,205 in 2020 to \$1,958,009 in 2021.

He said the Sanitation Fund (trash pickup) became problematic because not enough was coming in to pay the contract and the city lost \$42,000 and that fund balance now was down to \$59,000.

"You don't like to raise rates, but the general fund could have to start paying for this," he said.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved Girl Scout Cookie booths for noon to 6 p.m. on Feb. 19, March 5 and 6 and April 3 at Fourth Street Square and Feb. 20 and April 10 for drive-up sales at Victory Park. Darlene Gerick is Troop Support Coordinator for Girl Scouts D1101, which has five troops. Each troop will have a day for a booth to sell boxed cookies, with the last day for troops to combine and sell any leftover cookies they have from the season;
- Approved the Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt from noon to 2 p.m. on April 16

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at Victory Park put on by the Belleville Central Business Community. The purpose of the event, as stated in the application, is "Celebrate the secular Easter Season." Local non-profits, including CAF5, and the fire department are expected to participate. Those compensated at the event will be the D.J., photographer, and Girl Scouts. Councilman Steve Jones recused himself from the vote because he is being paid as D.J.;

- Approved the Belleville Farmer's Market at Fourth Street Place from 4 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday from June 7 to Oct. 24, with no market on the Fourth of July and Labor Day. Vendors and crafters will be included. Fourth Street Place will be closed from Main Street to the library. Market Master and D.J. will be compensated. Councilman Jones recused himself because he is being paid as D.J.;

- Approved Steve Cinnamon's 21st annual Father's Day Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 19 at Victory Park;

- Approved accounts payable of \$1,121,984.90 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Atchinson Ford, \$1,389.91 for maintenance/repair of police vehicle #217; to BS&A Software, \$2,250 from Treasurer's department for payroll training; to Metro Environmental, \$1,785 for hydro excavation for water main break, DPW; to Mr. Muffler, \$940 for wheel bearing and break repair on police vehicle #218; to Oakland County Treasurer, \$4,410.49 for police CLEMIS membership for fourth quarter 2021; to Osborne Concrete, \$673 for concrete for headstone footings and \$1,058 for road replacement due to failed sewer, DPW; to Priority One, \$1,535.88, police reserve officer badges; to Stryker Sales LLC, \$16,064.54 for LUCAS device for fire department; and to Van Buren Public Schools, \$308,080.10, reimbursement for overcharges on water bill, from Water/DPW;

- Heard Councilman Jones ask about the building next door to city hall that is waiting to be demolished. He said there is a broken window and the posters have fallen down in the front windows and the place looks bad. He said he has had a lot of complaints from residents. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said he had hoped to get the contractor to board up the broken window, but he had problems with employees. Then, things came up, including the broken water main.

City Manager Robinson said he has been waiting for the building to be torn down and will keep calling the county, which is in charge of it;

- Heard Planning Commissioner John Juriga say he had been at a Rotary Club meeting and Rotarian Keith Bruder said the club was interested in a public service project and suggested the club work on the fence at Victory Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said fixing the fence is part of the grant being sought for the park. Robinson said if the Rotary calls him, he'll give them some ideas; and

- Heard Rutherford say there is no planning commission meeting this week because the several items that will be coming to the agenda are not quite ready. He said the commission will meet again on March 10.

Killeen Javorsky of VBT named to Albion College Fall Dean's List

Killeen Javorsky of Van Buren Township was named to the Fall 2021 Albion College Dean's List.

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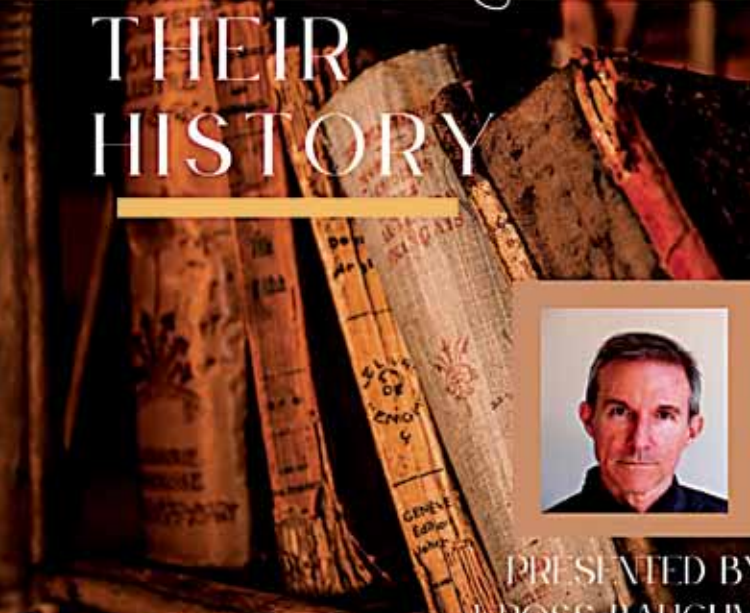
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VBT board approves intersection study at Belleville/Tyler roads

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"It's long overdue," said Van Buren Township Trustee Kevin Martin, noting he's been working for four years to get left-turn arrows at the Belleville Road / Tyler Road intersection.

His comments came at the Feb. 1 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees after the board voted unanimously to approve a \$6,500 traffic study to see if left-turn arrows are needed. Trustees Sherry Frazier and Reggie Miller were

absent and excused.

Trustee Martin said he had been involved in an accident at that intersection and he has reported the many "near misses" he has witnessed. He also said he has seen car parts lying around that intersection from accidents.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said she sees they will be doing the study virtually and with aerial pictures and she wonders if it will include looking in the odd twist in the road.

"That's what makes the problems at that intersection," she said.

In a memo to the board Lawrence Luckett, director of public service, explained the traffic signal at that intersection currently operates under a two-phase (no signalized left turn) condition.

"The analysis will be conducted due to safety concerns expressed by the township and the proposed traffic study will analyze the need to adding a left-turn phasing signal to all four approaches of the identified intersection," Director Luckett wrote.

He said the analysis will evaluate traffic volumes, crash patterns, vehicle delays, and sight distance and determine if the left-turn phasing signal would provide safe and efficient operations at the intersection, as well as what type of signal should be installed, if warranted.

Luckett said the study will be completed according to the guidelines and practices specified in Michigan Department of Transportation's "Electronic Traffic Control Device Guidelines" and the results will be turned over to Wayne County who will decide and, "Hopefully, they will fund it."

Trustee Donald Boynton asked if the township might be able to get money from the U.S. government for this.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said that federal money goes through the state of Michigan and hopefully will come to the local communities for traffic safety, as a lump sum.

The Left-Turn Phasing Analysis will be performed by the township's consulting engineers, Fishbeck of Grand Rapids. The report presented to the board was signed by Kyle Reidsma, senior traffic engineer / project manager.

State Champs Proclamation

At the beginning of the meeting, Supervisor McNamara read a proclamation praising the Belleville High School Football Team, which won the 2021 Division I State Championship. The proclamation also praised quarterback Bryce Underwood who was named MaxPreps national Freshman Player of the Year.

At the end of the proclamation, the board of trustees officially declared Nov. 27 – the day of their championship game -- as "Belleville Tigers Day in Van Buren Township."

Supervisor McNamara said this is the first time the township has named a day to mark anything.

The framed proclamation said the team had 65 players, one head coach Jermain Crowell, and 17 assistant coaches.

McNamara said to build a premier community, Van Buren Township needs the school district with an exceptional program and schools, and the district has come a long way in the last five to seven years.

He named several programs at the school, praising them all, but saving the largest praise for the football champions.

Treasurer Budd said her late husband Bill was on the 1959-60 Belleville High School football team and it was good but didn't win the championship. Now, she said, her grandson, Luke, is on the championship team.

Clerk Leon Wright said he's been in the township for 27 years and both of his sons

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played BHS football. He thanked the coach for what he is doing. Coach Crowell said he had been with BHS football for seven years.

Trustee Martin said the Homecoming football game was the only one he could attend last season, but Bryce Underwood will be at BHS for another three years and that means there will be another three championships.

Trustee Boynton congratulated the team and said he saw no games last season

because of his work schedule.

“Tap, tap, tap,” said Trustee Martin, echoing the team’s motto, that it has to keep tapping at the door to get the big win.

McNamara said the people of the school district built a free preschool for children, which is just great. He said the “butterfly effect” is in play and “everything is moving.”

In other business in the 28-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard Clerk Wright announce that the township offices will be closed on Feb. 2 and 3 because of the inclement weather they are expecting. McNamara said employees are taking home their laptops

and all phone calls will be returned. He also said the township is declaring a snow emergency, “starting right now,” which means people needed to get their vehicles off the streets so snowplows and fire trucks can get by. He said it took Wayne County Roads two days to clear the last snow from Haggerty Sub; and

- Heard McNamara say that Wayne County has hundreds of openings for snowplow drivers, so people who are available should sign up.

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Matisse Dornier-Duff named to Northwood University Dean’s List

Matisse P. Dornier-Duff of Van Buren Township has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean’s List at Northwood University.

Northwood University recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of students at the end of each semester.

Full-time students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 to 3.84 and who have no I’s or F’s or ungraded courses will be on the Dean’s List for that semester.

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Van Buren Public Schools 2021 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation						
BUS DRIVERS (continued)								
Caldwell, Peggy	\$28,404.20	\$39,632.57	Ellison, Sheila	\$17,962.62	\$42,170.59	Pittman, Sara	\$4,253.48	\$6,345.83
Calvert, Emily	\$11,608.14	\$15,680.33	Fisher, Kayla	\$1,982.73	\$3,262.64	Ronquillo, Kathleen	\$12,113.68	\$16,414.50
Cummings, Heather	\$25,566.42	\$51,702.81	Freeman, Bertha	\$17,040.99	\$23,827.08	Sherman, Amy	\$6,757.13	\$9,286.49
Desilets, Noreen	\$36,818.00	\$50,931.71	Hawkins, Vivian	\$20,090.21	\$28,107.47	Varner, Elizabeth	\$1,567.76	\$2,160.52
Dwornik, Kathy	\$14,698.81	\$31,557.55	Houghtaling, Brenda	\$22.80	\$31.42	Walters, Michelle	\$20,832.06	\$35,013.69
Foscolo, Kathrine	\$32,849.21	\$51,248.71	Ibach, Marion	\$21,688.90	\$23,651.04	Washington, Katherine	\$19,079.28	\$33,312.48
Frady, Bryanna	\$21,476.44	\$30,455.33	Jackson, Patricia	\$9,985.61	\$28,286.83	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE		
Graham, Gregory	\$25,563.63	\$43,639.85	Jones, Marcia	\$54.38	\$74.84	Cadeau, Lawrence	\$33,142.40	\$53,692.52
Grzych, Lorrie	\$24,350.12	\$50,820.43	Kindell, Daviena	\$969.42	\$1,325.71	Cadeau, Nicholas	\$40,324.15	\$62,646.43
Hargrove, Katina	\$25,286.29	\$33,914.35	Lange, Holly	\$24,750.35	\$34,467.21	Carter, Zannon	\$668.00	\$920.58
Hobson, Marquis	\$31,943.35	\$43,657.46	Lesniak, Sharon	\$23,415.56	\$32,442.35	Cetnarowski Ii, Richard	\$26,841.55	\$42,615.49
Hunt, Paula	\$24,220.01	\$55,822.90	Lewis, Nybrionna	\$4,919.31	\$6,668.49	Clemons, Jesse	\$34,256.29	\$55,579.99
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$38,184.67	\$53,142.48	Lindsey, Bobby	\$2,099.21	\$2,892.92	Dalton, Jennifer	\$36,805.78	\$57,847.79
Johnson, Andre	\$29,900.73	\$49,288.84	Macblain, Emily	\$4,588.06	\$6,190.29	Dotson, Michael	\$27,215.30	\$60,371.26
Jones, Valencia	\$3,467.68	\$4,778.84	Manier, Phyllis	\$10,060.20	\$15,486.28	Dubisky, Daryl	\$38,586.88	\$70,377.09
Key, Janet	\$30,494.18	\$50,342.91	Rankin, Candace	\$19,547.01	\$26,812.90	Engel, Nicholas	\$36,667.86	\$57,857.55
Keys, Franklin	\$13,537.99	\$19,890.95	Serra, Richard	\$17,130.30	\$24,318.81	Faulkner, Dewey	\$40,718.83	\$64,052.85
Lamar, Vanessa	\$29,105.33	\$39,618.25	Sinclair, Deborah	\$25,699.62	\$35,244.66	Fisher, Danny	\$31,509.85	\$59,653.86
Landoski, Terrance	\$46,657.92	\$81,965.96	Smith, Debora	\$2,234.93	\$13,746.48	Gilbert, Lisa	\$17,280.04	\$35,364.42
Lyo, Karen	\$33,899.48	\$47,094.57	Smith, Shanna	\$14,029.12	\$19,732.73	Goodman, Joseph	\$36,242.86	\$72,658.36
Martin, Dana	\$11,114.04	\$15,004.53	Steele, Jacqueline	\$3,265.78	\$4,494.05	Gravel, Ronald	\$17,593.72	\$24,210.71
Maschat, Cynthia	\$33,431.72	\$46,447.30	Wojtyna, Leonard	\$6,630.64	\$9,097.14	Harper, Laura	\$567.60	\$782.21
Merrihew, Nancy	\$11,202.60	\$18,393.78	SUB BUS AIDE			Hayre, Andrea	\$33,320.17	\$53,547.02
Nichols, Laura	\$18,544.46	\$45,341.11	Shauan, Tonya	\$5,710.67	\$7,808.79	Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$42,332.59	\$66,259.15
Osak, Megan	\$28,684.79	\$40,332.61	SUB BUS DRIVER			Ladouceur, Bette	\$40,505.97	\$72,881.45
Osborne, Angela	\$33,846.41	\$47,010.50	Cyganski, Ann	\$584.14	\$751.27	Lampinen, Norman	\$43,434.90	\$77,090.60
Perault, Cheri	\$31,718.38	\$44,166.97	LUNCH RM.SUPERVISORS			Linton, Dawn	\$22,679.44	\$32,441.36
Porter, Beverly	\$24,743.02	\$51,075.61	Blanton, Janet	\$174.84	\$239.07	Liverance, Ashley	\$34,357.48	\$55,691.74
Ramsey, Diane	\$8,328.98	\$21,040.33	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$4,216.94	\$5,766.25	Long, Kurt	\$35,679.24	\$57,161.45
Reinhard, Dianna	\$22,727.27	\$39,556.50	Knowlton, Amber	\$5,552.50	\$7,640.85	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$38,203.07	\$60,950.09
Roberts, Sequoir	\$26,084.07	\$35,165.19	Martin, Linda	\$4,926.18	\$6,749.22	Miller, Autumn	\$35,284.62	\$54,954.80
Scharp, Alexis	\$12,710.40	\$25,289.04	Parks, Nancy	\$5,028.84	\$6,889.94	Mitchell, Eric	\$35,562.34	\$56,364.58
Sigal-Schroeder, Jill	\$22,648.05	\$47,734.96	FOOD SERVICE			Osborne, Thomas	\$46,537.56	\$65,517.07
Spaleny, Debra	\$40,328.24	\$55,680.07	Bodenham, Lisa	\$11,165.58	\$16,753.42	Pipok, Bradley	\$39,443.93	\$54,844.93
Thorn, Julia	\$25,121.83	\$51,571.58	Brooks, Carolyn	\$21,929.20	\$37,036.53	Price, Kyle	\$29,743.52	\$46,905.05
Vealey, Daniel	\$29,072.01	\$62,491.59	Chartier, Diane	\$15,792.42	\$22,560.01	Renton, Dale	\$37,726.46	\$68,785.41
Waldroop, Holly	\$33,001.39	\$67,824.27	Dickens, Tildon	\$4,060.66	\$5,587.87	Roebuck, Austin	\$31,751.64	\$43,634.05
Welch, Crisandra	\$5,426.32	\$7,478.01	Farr, Sarah	\$18,413.71	\$24,400.62	Roebuck, Bret	\$43,727.61	\$60,554.44
Whitlock, Trevor	\$47,411.02	\$71,836.37	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$22,040.81	\$36,386.68	Rupnow, Cole	\$38,237.16	\$52,501.82
Wilson, Lawanda	\$24,292.76	\$35,095.63	Hanes, Gail	\$23,876.94	\$32,111.53	Sattler, Kimberly	\$45,239.91	\$70,745.08
Witcher, Anthony	\$23,683.77	\$32,739.18	Harden, Nynier	\$16,480.44	\$22,614.57	Schulz, David	\$40,669.68	\$72,162.91
Works, Tammy	\$14,564.01	\$28,323.93	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$12,529.87	\$17,452.58	Severin, Harley	\$40,100.98	\$53,973.50
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$22,338.30	\$52,497.49	Holmes, Colleen	\$19,783.80	\$42,422.33	Signorelli, Michael	\$24,672.85	\$45,050.17
BUS AIDES			Holmes, Stephanie	\$15,368.02	\$21,153.10	Stoll, Sheila	\$43,802.20	\$82,799.02
Belanger, Deborah	\$19,539.35	\$40,776.39	Jenkins, Edith	\$3,301.62	\$4,870.95	Tefertiller, Ryan	\$35,937.88	\$49,659.85
Bielski, Amanda	\$22,266.86	\$32,245.72	Johnson, Debra	\$12,396.62	\$17,774.01	Wakefield, Michael	\$20,718.45	\$33,559.35
Bond, Bentonja	\$18,024.01	\$25,709.52	Jones, Stephanie	\$11,897.04	\$17,120.26	Wegienka, Matthew	\$34,047.83	\$45,874.68
Cetnarowski, Richard	\$16,921.05	\$23,786.36	Kuclo, Jacquelyn	\$6,046.04	\$9,289.11	Wegienka, Vincent	\$3,247.62	\$5,867.92
Clark, Brenda	\$34.32	\$47.23	Lawson, Cheryl	\$18,240.96	\$24,969.42	Zunk, Sherry	\$43,988.14	\$68,579.95
Cruse, Jacqueline	\$13,655.24	\$30,738.85	Lipford, Joann	\$12,348.61	\$24,439.86	2021 TOTAL \$39,962,533.06		
Drummonds, Sarah	\$7,770.09	\$13,650.99	Martila, Diane	\$18,542.40	\$40,724.86	2020 TOTAL \$39,363,327.76		
			Meimaridis, Melissa	\$3,941.65	\$5,382.19	Difference + \$65,460.36		
			Moceri, Patricia	\$10,115.30	\$14,507.08			
			Moorehead, Deborah	\$11,680.57	\$16,993.27			
			Morin, Vicky	\$16,015.23	\$21,771.01			
			Muirhead, Jun	\$11,338.44	\$15,837.72			
			Parris, Janet	\$13,268.68	\$18,791.00			

2021 employee total wages had approximately a 1.52% increase since 2020.

Compiled by Diane Madigan

Van Buren Township to distribute free COVID-19 test kits

Van Buren Township will distribute hundreds of free COVID-19 at-home antigen test kits to residents beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, and continuing until they run out.

This will be at the township hall's Community Services rear entrance at 46425 Tyler Rd.

The kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and officials say it is part of a greater effort to create a safer environment for township residents amid the Omicron COVID surge.

"A primary role of local government

is to promote the health and welfare of its citizens," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"We are currently experiencing an Omicron COVID surge this winter season and the township's goal is to distribute these tests throughout the community to help mitigate the virus on a local level. We thank our partners at Wayne County for the allocation of test kits and township staff for their efforts in distributing the kits to our residents."

Residents are asked to remain in their

vehicles when receiving at-home test kits, which are limited to one per vehicle and includes two individual tests. The township has provided at-home test kits to clients within the Meals on Wheels program and took 200 kits to Parkwood Manor Apartments.

"We are excited to bring this opportunity to our residents," said Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud. "At a time when the country has been experiencing surges of COVID-19 cases, this coordinated effort puts rapid tests into the hands of Van Buren

Township residents and gives them another tool that will help them to remain safe."

Free COVID at-home test kits (four per household) provided by the federal government are available at www.covidtests.gov. It takes less than a minute to order and they are shipped through direct mail by the USPS.

News release

"Trust, but verify."

— Ronald Reagan

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton and Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Trustee Miller and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Public Services Luckett, Communication Specialist Michael Japowicz, Communications Intern Julian Van Slyke and an audience of ten (10).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Boynton moved; Wright seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved; Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022, Prepaid List of January 20, 2022, Prepaid List of January 27, 2022 and Voucher List of February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Division I State Champion Belleville Tigers were presented with a Proclamation recognizing their achievements on the field during the 2021 football season.

The Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Wednesday, February 2nd and Thursday, February 3rd due to inclement weather; Van Buren Township declared a snow emergency effective February 1st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Wayne County Roads is in need of snow plow drivers as they are struggling to keep up with road clearing demands; the Covid-19 test give away originally scheduled for Friday, February 4th is going to be rescheduled for a future date and Trustee Boynton announced the numerous new employees who have joined the Township in the past few months.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Martin moved; Budd seconded to approve of a Traffic Study (Left-Turn Phasing Analysis) at the intersection of Belleville and Tyler Road at a cost of \$6,500. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The Board received the Budgetary Reports for October and November of 2021. The reports are available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Martin seconded to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: February 10, 2022

U-Haul

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rented this vehicle from U-Haul through Pro Hardware.

"The vehicle was not returned per the rental agreement so our department took the Stolen Vehicle (failed to return a rented vehicle) report," Chief Robinson said.

"Washtenaw County had reports of a vehicle matching this vehicle description being involved in retail frauds at gas stations," he said. "Washtenaw County stopped this vehicle for a traffic violation and the individual arraigned was driving the vehicle.

"When they checked the vehicle information they found that the vehicle was in the law enforcement data base as stolen (failed to return a rented vehicle) out of our jurisdiction.

"I do not believe Washtenaw County has any charges against the defendant or evidence that it was involved in crimes in their jurisdiction. We recovered the vehicle and took custody of the defendant," Chief Robinson said.

The City of Belleville uses the Van Buren Township police lockup and dispatch through an agreement, so all the city's suspects are detained at Van Buren Township Police Department.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

**The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.**

**The purpose of the public hearing is for public input
pertaining to a proposed ordinance that would permit the
operation of Golf Carts on some city streets in Belleville.**

**The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building,
6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.**

**Briana Hootman
City Clerk**

Publish: January 27, 2022, February 3, 2022, February 10, 2022 and February 17, 2022.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7016 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by 6 pm on March 15, 2022.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
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February 17, 2022
February 24, 2022
March 3, 2022

More Letters

An accident waiting to happen in Belleville

To the editor:

What a lovely snow we had last week. But what deplorable streets in the City of Belleville. It doesn't appear that planning for the snow was on the agenda of the city.

While I realize the city is responsible for maintaining their streets, they obviously weren't thinking of their citizens' safety. One place, in particular, is High Street at the west end by Columbia / W. Huron River Drive intersection. There is nothing there that would have stopped a vehicle from sliding into the lake and the conditions of the road certainly made it an area for an Accident Waiting to Happen!

When will they clean up this eyesore and make it a safe street again?

Please sign me: Concerned Citizen

Birthdays

Feb. 10 – Brian Loranger

Feb. 12 – Nora Hemphill, Tina McGlynn, Lucill Dalaga

Feb. 13 – Lucas Millard

Feb. 15 – Rosemary Otzman

Feb. 16 – Chris Whitt, Ruby Bostic, Pastor Paul Bostwick

Feb. 19 – Dave Robinson

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

Public Notice



The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is accepting proposals for landscape maintenance, fertilizer, and mulch services for its four City parks. Please visit <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/dda/> for the bid specs. **Bids will be accepted until Friday, February 11 at 12:00PM.**

Publish: January 27, 2022,
February 3, 2022,
February 10, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 187 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan. 30:
0018 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0027 – property damage accident, S. I94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0658 – civil matter, N. Woodbury Dr.
0855 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0901 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0957 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1021 – intrusion alarm, Gilmore St.
1059 – misc. complaint, Jackson St.
1212 – hospice death, S. Woodbury Dr.
1243 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1437 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1519 – parking complaint, Jackson St.
1623 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd./Huron River Dr.
1648 – civil matter, Rogers Ave.
1752 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1853 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1931 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
2204 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
2208 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.
Monday, Jan. 31:
0152 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0225 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
0524 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
0712 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0833 – abandoned auto, Fret Rd.
0843 – mental subject, Westlake Cir.
0912 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0926 – animal complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.
1008 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
1108 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1206 – neighbor trouble, Fay Dr.
1250 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1309 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1327 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1432 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
1521 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mantauk Ct.
1547 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1557 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1650 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1711 – civil matter, Harmony Ln.
1827 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2008 – civil matter, Cherry Ln.
2145 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
2159 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Bemis
2229 – assist other dept., Arthur St.
2239 – welfare check, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 1:
0815 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.
1015 – misc. complaint, Rose Blvd.
1055 – malicious destruction of property, Samuel Barton Dr.
1111 – abandoned auto, Patty Ln.
1227 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
1232 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
1354 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1405 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1505 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.
1549 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1556 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1720 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1805 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1819 – fraud, Greylock St.
1857 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1913 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.
1946 – welfare check, Meadows Ct.
1947 – civil matter, Senate St.
2001 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2237 – family trouble, Ironwood Dr.
Wednesday, Feb. 2:
0129 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
0216 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
0616 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.
1138 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1257 – intrusion alarm, Jeremy Rd.
1355 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

1401 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1525 – threat, S. Woodbury Dr.
1551 – parking complaint, Robinson River
1616 – private property impound, Industrial Dr.
1637 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1704 – personal injury accident, Samuel Barton
1749 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
2043 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2143 – malicious destruction of property, N. Woodbury Dr.
2330 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
Thursday, Feb. 3:
0021 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0227 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0355 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1056 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1442 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.
1456 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
1543 – welfare check, Winchester St.
1616 – assist fire dept., Ash Dr.
1620 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1625 – assist fire dept., Chandler Dr.
1642 – property damage accident, Ecorse I-275 ramp S/S. I-275 Ecorse ramp
1647 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
1730 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1852 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1944 – assist citizen, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2031 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.
2050 – harassment call, Brandi
2117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lenmoore Ave.
2236 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2311 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2335 – welfare check, Harmony Ln.
Friday, Feb. 4:
0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0216 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
0710 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0727 – holdup alarm, Hardwood Dr.
0905 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0924 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1157 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
1249 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1250 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
1257 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Borgman Ave.
1307 – fraud, Chandler Dr.
1419 – missing person, North Shore Dr.
1433 – animal complaint, Robbe Rd.
1441 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1534 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1613 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1621 – larceny, Wheatgrass Ln.
1750 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1805 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.
1826 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1854 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1903 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1916 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1944 – assist fire dept., Ironwood Dr.
2013 – fight, Van Born Rd.
2015 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
2056 – neighbor trouble, Hannan Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 5:
0043 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Denton
0045 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0119 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
0159 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0249 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0252 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0352 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
1119 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1127 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1350 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1359 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1422 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1439 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1442 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./N. I-275 Ecorse ramp
1512 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1545 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1547 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1646 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1724 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1944 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1951 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2034 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd. / I-275
2118 – welfare check, Bemis Rd.
2118 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
2126 – parking complaint, Van Buren St./Hayes St.
Also on this week’s log are 16 traffic stops, one of which was on eastbound I-94 at Haggerty Rd.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 30:
0053 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
0135 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
0732 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1049 – traffic stop, High St.
1101 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1151 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
1231 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1317 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.
1417 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1603 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1814 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1826 – traffic offense, High St./Church St.
2019 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church
Monday, Jan. 31:
0452 – follow up by officer, Ford/Russell
0900 – threat, Main St.
1405 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
2000 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2219 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 1:
0427 – domestic, Carmell St.
0909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
1149 – disorderly, South St.
1434 – disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
1447 – civil matter, Carmell St.
Wednesday, Feb. 2:
1001 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
1039 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1124 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.
1658 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
1926 – disorderly, Carmell St.
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
Thursday, Feb. 3:
1049 – traffic stop, Savage/RR track
1452 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1639 – welfare check, N. Liberty St./Belleville Rd.
Friday, Feb. 4:
1135 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1811 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
2028 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2109 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
Saturday, Feb. 5:
0731 – animal complaint, Main St.
0803 – assist fire dept., Estrada
1321 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1831 – domestic, Loza Ln.
2141 – assist citizen, N. Liberty St.
2200 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
2222 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
There were 13 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 30:
0055 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0359 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1136 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1404 – harassment complaint, Arbor Ln.
1405 – 911 hang up, Kansas St.
2037 – family trouble, Redwood St.
2121 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
Monday, Jan. 31:
0202 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
0608 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0954 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
1023 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1506 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1557 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1632 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Bohn
1839 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1908 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2119 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 1:
0222 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0331 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0657 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1047 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1048 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1131 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1211 – alarm, Edgewood Dr.
1336 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1401 – civil matter, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1752 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1830 – alarm, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2238 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.

Wednesday, Feb. 2:
0002 – assault, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0108 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0739 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0818 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1058 – welfare check, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1600 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2002 – alarm, Rustic Ln.
2027 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2216 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Ln.
2259 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
Thursday, Feb. 3:
0655 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1220 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
2159 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
Friday, Feb. 4:
0259 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0432 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0533 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0758 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0818 – neighbor dispute, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1109 – neighbor dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1427 – 911 hang up, Mulberry Ln.
1532 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1555 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1706 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1852 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz Rd./Elwell
2200 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2308 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2313 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 5:
1327 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1357 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
1721 – warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1804 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1951 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willow
2051 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willow
2114 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2156 – assist other agency, S. Huron Rd./Clark Rd.
2343 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 96 patrol checks, 21 traffic stops, and three misc. details.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Feb. 10:** Boys Swim/Dive vs. Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m.
• **Friday, Feb. 11:** Girls & Boys Bowling vs. Churchill at Lodge Lanes, 3 p.m.; Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball (senior player recognition night) vs. Franklin, 7 p.m.
• **Monday, Feb. 14:** Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Fordson, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Fordson, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Fordson, 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday, Feb. 15:** Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Churchill, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Swim & Dive vs. Dundee, 6:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Churchill, 7 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

Van Buren Twp. Trustee Don Boynton lists 14 newly hired employees

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Feb. 1, Trustee Don Boynton read a list of the township's new hires as provided

by Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter.

"Please join me in welcoming our newest employees to the Van Buren team," said Trustee Boynton:

- Eric Miller - Water & Sewer
- Kelsey Hazlett - Water & Sewer
- Edward Smith - Fire Inspector
- Allison Greff - Just promoted to full-

time fire-fighter team

- Irishia Evans - Police recruit
- DeVonte' McGregro - Police recruit
- John Coleman - Temp. account clerk - Elections
- Monica Thompson - Community Services
- Robert Edenstrom - Senior Transportation
- Joshua Kauffman - Parks
- Connor Mann - Parks
- Ryan Barker - Dispatcher
- Benjamin Meir - Parks
- Julian Van Slyke, Jr. - Communications intern

Then, Trustee Boynton listed new employees the board members probably have already met:

- Crystal Lesperance - Police building maintenance
- Brittney Williams - Account Clerk, Planning
- Hugo Cardenas, Jr. - Building Superintendent
- Todd Saums - Director of Water & Sewer
- Larry Luckett - Director of Public Services
- John Brataniec - IT Network Administrator

- Chris Campbell - Communication Specialist
- Mike Japowicz - Communication Specialist

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this does not mean that the township has increased the number of employees. He said they are down one person in one department and up one person in one department.

The former employees retired or just left and they had to be replaced, he said.

Thomas Dylewski of Van Buren Twp. named to UA President's List

TUSCALOOSA, AL -- Thomas Dylewski of Van Buren Township was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for Fall Semester 2021.

A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama made the dean's list with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the president's list with academic records of 4.0 (all A's). The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 10 am**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2007 Ford, Edge, VIN: 2FMDK49C97BB23364
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DATE: February 7, 2022 **BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Not Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations – None
B. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Jones inquired about the status of the following:

- Demolition of building attached to City Hall
- Golf Cart ordinance proposal
- Marijuana licensing renewals
- Auction of unused DPW items

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Becky Hazen asked if the community sign at Main St. & 5th would be updated any time soon.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, Supported by Henry to accept the agenda as present.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 3, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) BHS Team Trophies – City Acting as Fiduciary

1. City Manager Robinson stated that the city had acted as the fiduciary for private donors that wanted to contribute toward the cost of the Belleville High School football team's championship trophies.

B) Special Event Application – St. Patrick's Day

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-006** authorizing Egan's Pub to hold a St. Patrick's Day event on March 17, 2022, with an extension of the DORA hours from 12 pm to 10 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Special Event Application – Car Show

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-007** authorizing Egan's Pub to be the event coordinator for the "Cruisin' on Main" car show, to take place on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., June 6, 2022, to September 26, 2022, with the exception of Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day (September 5th). (Council Member Jones recused himself from voting, as he directly benefits from the event).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Recused
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

D) Rollover of Water/Sewer Fund Certificate of Deposit

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-009** to rollover a matured \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit, funded by the Water and Sewer account, into a three-year Certificate of Deposit at 1.25% interest.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-005** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as present.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson stated he had been sick for a couple of weeks.

• Due to an uptick in the Omicron variant of Covid-19, all patrons and employees must wear a mask inside of City Hall.

• Excited for the DDA's strategic planning session and stated that the city council may be able to utilize the same facilitator for their strategic planning session.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry – no comments.
- Council Member Jones

-- Thanked City Manager/Chief of Police Robinson, as well as everyone else, who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Ivy Rehab.

-- Reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the hair Station will take place on January 20th at 5 p.m.

• Council Member Bates

-- Would like to see more city involvement at community ribbon cutting ceremonies in the future.

-- Stated that businesses that opened during the Covid-19 pandemic should have an opportunity to have ribbon cutting ceremonies as well.

-- Suggested that the city approach businesses about having ribbon cutting ceremonies.

12. MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

• Thinks that the city should be more proactive in welcoming new businesses.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

14. CLOSED SESSION – UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PER MCL 15.268

• City Council recessed the regular meeting to go into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations

MOTION: Motion by Bates, Second by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-008**, to recess the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m. and enter closed session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, Second by Jones to return to open session at 8:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Jones, Second by Bates to amend the agenda to add the addition of an action item – approval of contracts for POAM and GELC.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

15. ADDITION OF ACTION ITEM – UNION CONTRACT APPROVALS

MOTION: Motion by Henry, Second by Jones to approve **Resolutions #22-003 and #22-004** ratifying union contracts for both the POAM and the GELC, respectively.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

16. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: February 7, 2022

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